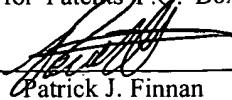


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/256,647
Applicant : Gigi CHU et al.
Filed : February 23, 1999
TC/A.U. : 2153
Examiner : Dinh, D.
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Docket No. : 2212.0018C
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Title : Network Monitoring System

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time period for responding to the Office Action of April 9, 2004 from July 9, 2004 to August 9, 2004. Applicant further petitions that any and all extensions of the term necessary to render timely the filing of the accompanying or any future responses be granted.

The extension fee is:

\$55.00 \$110.00

An extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.

The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .

Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

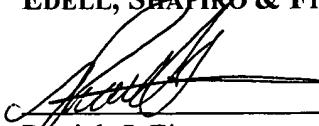
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional appropriate fees that may be required for the subject application, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

Dated: August 9, 2004

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